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In re Application of:)

Ward K. FRYE et al.)

Serial No.: 1.53(b) Divisional of)
U.S. Application No. 09/549,382,)
filed April 13, 2000)

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

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Examiner: Not Assigned

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FILLING)
A SUBSTRATE WITH A LIQUID)
SAMPLE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The listed documents were previously cited by the Examiner or submitted in a prior application, serial no. 09/549,382, filed April 13, 2000, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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